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1. NEWS ACCOUNTS OF PRESIDENT'S CHARLESTON SPEECH CARRIED IN ALL MAJOR PAPERS JULY 23, BUT ONLY CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO, 400,000) GAVE IT TOP PLAY. USIS HAD TRANSLATED TEXT AND DISTRIBUTED BI-LINGUAL BACKGROUNDER TO WIDEST FOREIGN POLICY AUDIENCE JULY 22-23.

2. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE WAS MIN TZU EVENING NEWS (60,000). EXCERPTS FOLLOW: "WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT CARTER REAFFIRMED HIS PERSEVERANCE IN MORAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES IN FOREIGN POLICY AND THAT THE POLICY IS MEANT TO ACCOMMODATE THE RAPID CHANGES OF THE MODERN AGE. ONLY THROUGH COMPETITION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION CAN WORLD PEACE BE ACHIEVED."

3. "IF AMERICA WILL PERSEVERE IN ITS MORAL COURAGE, THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL EVENTUALLY WIN OVER THE
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TOTALITARIAN STATES. PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL IS A HISTORIC CONTORIC CONTRIBUTION IN THE PROTECTION OF FREEDOM... NOW IS THE TIME OF CHALLENGE AND RESISTANCE. IF AT THIS TIME HE CAN NOT KEEP HIS COURSE AND IF HE LACKS CLEAR PERCEPTION, HE WILL EASILY LOSE HIS WAY. THE SO-CALLED 'DRINK POISON TO COUNTER POISON' APPROACH IS CLEARLY AN INFERIOR POLICY AND SELF-DEFECTING. CARTER

ON ONE HAND RISKS THE ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS BY MAINTAINING
HIS STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ON THE OTHER HAND HE SHOWS A
FRIENDLY ATTITUDE AND ACTIVELY PROMOTES NORMALIZATION WITH
THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, WHO TRAMPLE HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER
FOOT FAR MORE THAN DO THE SOVIETS. THIS IS SELF-
CONTRADICTORY AND RIDICULOUS."
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